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TORRANCE HONORS THE ARMED FORCES AT THE 49TH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION ON MAY 16-18

Torrance, Calif., May 8, 2008 – The City of Torrance continues its long-standing tradition on May 17, 2008 as it hosts its 49th Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration and Parade. The City, one of few cities designated by the Department of Defense, will once again honor the men and women of our nation's military with a three-day celebration beginning on Friday, May 16 continuing through Sunday, May 18 with the Parade highlight on Saturday, May 17 that will begin at 1:30 p.m. During this weekend, the following events that will occur in the City:

Military Exhibits: Military exhibits on display, including aircrafts, vehicles, support equipment at the **Del Amo Fashion Center parking lot** between Acapulco & Macy's (previously Robinson's May) on **May 16 & 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on May 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday.**

Free Concert: The **United States Marine Corps 1st Marine Division Band** will perform for free at the **James Armstrong Theatre** on **May 16 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

Parade: **49th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade** will run along Torrance Boulevard from downtown Torrance and end at the City Hall on **May 17 at 1:30 p.m.**

This year's Grand Marshal, Major General Michael R. Lehnert of the United States Marine Corps, will lead the parade of over 50 entries from active and reserve military units from the five branches of the Armed Forces. The parade will also include flyovers by military aircraft and will have military vehicles of all descriptions; Humvees, armored personnel carriers, support vehicles and main battle tanks will also rumble down the streets of Torrance. Additionally, military and elected dignitaries will honor the hundreds of military service men and women as they pass in review.

This year, the United States Army Reserve is also celebrating its 100th Anniversary and the United States Navy is marking the 100th Anniversary of the Great White Fleet, bringing more historic significance to this event and more reason to celebrate.

The community is invited to gather along the parade route and cheer for our sons, daughters, friends, husbands and wives who have been called to duty in defense of our nation's beliefs and principles and to secure a more peaceful world.

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TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Due to Armed Forces Day festivities, the following streets will be closed during these times:

7:00 a.m. – **Arlington Avenue** between Marcelina Avenue and Post Avenue

El Prado Avenue between Carson Street and Cravens Avenue between
Torrance Boulevard and Marcelina Avenue.

9:00 a.m. – All entry ways into Civic Center complex off Torrance Boulevard, Mardona
Avenue, Maple Avenue and Civic Center Drive

11:00 a.m. – **Torrance Boulevard** between Western Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard
(including all North and South side streets between Crenshaw and Madrona)

Southbound Madrona Avenue/Prairie Avenue between 190th Street and
Carson Street;

Northbound Madrona Avenue between Carson Street and Emerald Avenue

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